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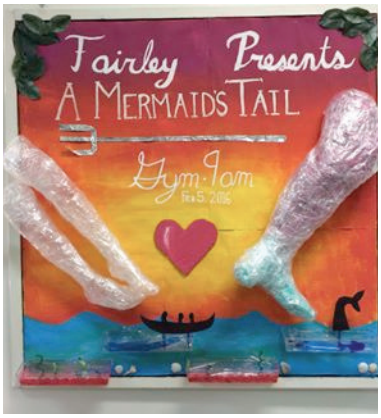
Traf's Mathletes prepare for competition

Old Girls from the Class of 2011 return to judge the 2016 House Plays.



Fairley House presents "A Mermaid's Tail" and wins the annual House Play competition.

Award-winning Senior Band at the annual Spring Concert

Brooke Beloff as Sandy and Gillian McLaughlin as Annie in the Senior Musical

Fairley House Head Leslie Unger accepts the House Shield at the 2016 School Closing Ceremonies

Faculty members at the Girls for the Cure Walk

Community Service Trip volunteers in the Dominican Republic.

The Class of 2016

Carolyne Schumacher receives a hug and her diploma from her mother, Old Girl Elvira Bracci '81.

Science Rocks At Traf. See more photos on Instagram!

Olivia Benaroche '08, Math teacher Jen Robinson, Nathalie Benaroche Ohayon '06 and Melanie Kasner '06 at the Magic and Mystery Gala.

Grade 9 student Destiny Dyer and her father Leroy Dyer at the Father and Daughter Breakfast.

Editor's Message
Marilyn Meikle '80

As Editor, I have the honour of choosing a cover image for this magazine. This year, I wanted to incorporate Trafalgar's urban campus and the image came to me on a sunny afternoon.

Returning to Traf from a meeting at the St. Andrew's Society (in Forget House), I commented to a colleague about how fortunate we are to work within walking distance of so many of the city's historic properties. Passing the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, I saw artist Dale Chihuly's "The Sun".

I could not contain my enthusiasm. "That's it! That's the cover for The Victory!" Readers need to know that our students, our faculty, and our Traf Family benefit from our proximity to the downtown core. We use the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts as a classroom. Students photograph and sketch the historic buildings on Sherbrooke St.. We exit the Penfield doors and run, walk, and ski in the beauty of Mount Royal. The Traf family LIVES Montreal!"

In this issue you will read about changes happening at Traf: the retirement of a well-loved Principal and the arrival of a new Principal; increasing enrolment of international students; and a new strategic plan for the next five years. However, what will remain as constant as the rising sun, is that Trafalgar School will continue to thrive in the heart of downtown Montreal; a diverse school community challenging and inspiring girls to embrace learning, be confident and shape a better world.

Message from the Chair of the Board of Governors

Aislinn Mosher ’83

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.
Margaret Mead

Change is in the air here at Trafalgar School – and we are ready! Over the past six months, a committee of current and former parents, Trafalgar Old Girls, members of Trafalgar’s Advisory Board, and staff has worked tirelessly on the development of Trafalgar’s five-year strategic plan. The plan, which will be presented to the Trafalgar community in September, will ensure Trafalgar’s long-term sustainability as a thriving school making a genuine difference in the lives of its students and staff.

I want to extend my most sincere thanks to the devoted group of people who brought their energy and passion to the strategic planning process: Trafalgar parents and Board members Giovanna Spadafora, Nick Capanna, Susan Gottman, Alison Shore and Alissa Sklar; Trafalgar Old Girl and Board member Christina Nacos ’85, Trafalgar Old Girl Karen Flam ’71; and Trafalgar staff Sharon Cozens, Geoffrey Dowd, Marie-Claude Harton, Lena Kwiatek, Rachel McCabe, and Laura Rochford. I also wish to thank a group who helped launch Trafalgar’s 125th anniversary celebrations and endowment campaign in 2012: Betty Hutchins ’74, Cathy Ferguson Burrows ’75, past parents Hugh Oddie, and Lin Stranberg. It was their creation of the Scholars and Explorers brand which served as a springboard for the 2016-2020 strategic plan.

Finally, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to the Trafalgar community for its endorsement of the leadership change at our school. By working together in supporting our Principal and Board of Governors, I believe we can realize our vision to inspire a new generation of Trafalgar students and staff to dream of a better world, and then empower them to create it.

Fond Farewell and Welcome

Aislinn Mosher ’83

In June, Principal Geoffrey Dowd retired after 22 years of devoted service to the school. As Trafalgar’s 10th Principal, Geoff worked tirelessly to ensure that each and every Trafalgar girl benefitted from the very best in educational and co-curricular programmes. During his time at Trafalgar, Geoff welcomed over 1000 Trafalgar students and their parents to be part of an exceptional school. On behalf of the Trafalgar Board of Governors, I thank Geoff for his contribution to Trafalgar, and for his devotion. We wish him a healthy and happy retirement!

I also want to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Katherine Nikidis, who became Trafalgar’s 11th Principal in July 2016. With over fifteen years experience in local independent schools, Ms. Nikidis is a recognised leader in the Montreal educational community. She is passionate about innovation and creating relevant learning experiences and opportunities for girls.

As Principal, Ms. Nikidis will lead Trafalgar into the next decade by ensuring a thriving school community, robust operations, and a global alumnae network united in supporting Trafalgar’s future success. Please join me in welcoming Katherine Nikidis to the Trafalgar family!

Thank You, Mr. Dowd!

Geoffrey Dowd became Principal of Trafalgar School for Girls in 1994, making history as the School’s first male Principal. The Selection Committee admitted this would be a monumental change for Trafalgar, but after 22 years, it is clear that Geoff Dowd has left a positive mark on the school’s most recent chapter of history.

In the 1994 Summer edition of *The Victory* magazine, Geoff stated he had no preconceived notion of what school must be, but was particularly interested in three areas: making students and teachers comfortable with new technology; finding ways to incorporate French-Quebec culture and language into the school; and promoting a global outlook on the part of the girls and the programmes in which they were involved.

Geoff is the first to say that one person does not a school make, that it is the team of excellent teachers, wonderful parents, exceptional volunteers, distinguished alumnae and the students themselves who make a school advance. During his tenure, Traf became the first school in Quebec to have an Internet Lab (1995). Also in 1995, The Girls For the Cure Walk began at Traf and now Montreal girls’ schools participate annually having raised over $2M to date for women’s cancers. In 1996 and 1997 Histoire and Géographie were introduced. In 1999, Trafalgar was selected to represent Canada in the World School International Forum (Japan), a worldwide network of schools that fosters greater understanding and learning. Numerous clubs have created local, regional, national and global awareness. Capital Campaigns provided renovations and new spaces throughout the building. Endowment fundraising during his tenure built a foundation for bursary support, currently providing 20% of students with financial assistance.

Mr. Dowd’s personal interests were shared with students as he coached Cross Country Skiing, founded the Good Grammar Club, and ran the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League. His easy-going character, genuine interest in people, and his ability to connect easily with them won over students and adults alike. Whenever Geoff spoke at the podium, the Trafalgar community knew they were in for a treat with his clever, humorous addresses that would leave the audience more enlightened than when they came into the room.

Geoff Dowd now also retires from a forty-year career in education that began as a teacher at Selwyn House School in 1976. Over the course of his career, he has sat on numerous local, regional and national committees and associations as Member, Chair, or President, always advocating for independent schooling in Quebec and for all-girls’ education.

The Trafalgar School community wishes Geoff all the best on his well-deserved retirement and thanks him for his contributions to the life of the school.

Geoff Dowd (right) with daughter Rebecca Dowd-Lekx ’06 and husband Peter Lekx, grandson Jonathan, and wife Kathy McKnight. (Absent from photo is daughter Sarah Dowd ’09.)

Principal's Message

Katherine Nikidis

Being and Becoming

Dear Trafalgar Community Members,

I am both honoured and thrilled to be joining the Traf Family, and have been inspired by the warmth, kindness and positive spirit of the entire community. After having shared time with the various constituents of our school, it is evermore clear that Trafalgar's standing as a leading girls school in downtown Montreal is enduring. Geoff Dowd has been an esteemed colleague for years, and I feel privileged to build on the foundation he has established and to be able to follow in the footsteps of a friend and mentor.

Recently, in reviewing the strategic initiatives that the Advisory Board has set forth for the coming five years, I contemplated the fine balance between "being" and "becoming". As we begin to create the opportunities for our strategic initiatives to unfold, and in turn give our girls and teachers the benefit of seeing these initiatives in action, we will all undergo a process of transition, both individually and collectively. The magnificence of becoming is in not disregarding the beauty of being. The balance between each serves the other, whether it be for the individual girl who is trying to find her path, teachers who are developing in their careers, or an institution that has served girls education for nearly 130 years.

Together we will celebrate the joy of being while remaining steadfast and innovative in the process of becoming. Our strategic initiatives, which will be shared in greater depth in the fall, will provide for a shared vision, which will undoubtedly serve Trafalgar's community and mission for years to come.

The Traf spirit, culture and sense of community are paramount to our evolution, thus ensuring that we do not lose who we are, but transition into all we can be. I look forward to meeting more of the Traf Family and being and becoming part of this great place for girls to learn.

Katherine Nikidis
Principal

Getting to Know Traf's New Principal

Members of the Traf Family will have the opportunity to meet Katherine Nikidis at various events as the year unfolds. Here are ten facts that you can have on hand to start a conversation.

Ms. Nikidis...

- loves Formula One racing and learned to drive a Formula One car from Ayrton Senna himself.
- has been playing tennis since she was four years old and paid a great deal of her university tuition fees with her winnings from mixed doubles tournaments.
- has been skiing since she was four-year-old but has not improved much!
- is passionate about cooking but does not like to bake!
- is the youngest of 3 sisters born and raised in Montreal.
- has a dream of learning to play the saxophone one day!
- considers peanut butter and red pepper jelly on crackers the "perfect appetizer" no matter how formal the event!
- dreamt of being a "lunch monitor" when she was little but decided being Principal might be easier!
- loves a well-planned, harmless, practical joke. Students beware!

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The Geoffrey Dowd Bursary

The Geoffrey Dowd Bursary has been created as part of The Trafalgar School Endowment to mark Principal Geoff Dowd's retirement (June 2016), and to meet our school's growing demand for financial support. This bursary will be awarded to a deserving student of any grade level who shows an aptitude for literature and/or athletics, two of Mr. Dowd's deep interests.

Honouring Mr. Dowd

Geoffrey Dowd has dedicated 22 years to the education of young women at Trafalgar School, the majority of his illustrious 40-year career in education in Montreal. Since the launch of this bursary in May 2016, over $50,000 has been raised towards a $100,000 goal thanks to the generosity of alumnae, current and past parents, current and past staff and friends.

Help Build a Legacy

We invite all members of the Trafalgar Family to honour Mr. Dowd and contribute to this endowed bursary. We are confident that our Trafalgar family, and those close to Geoff, will give to the best of their ability to build this impressive bursary in honour of Mr. Dowd's educational legacy at Trafalgar. Thank you!

Over $50,000 raised to date!

To Donate

Visit the **The Geoffrey Dowd Bursary** page under the **Support Traf** tab at trafalgar.qc.ca or contact Sharon Cozens, Director of Advancement, at cozens@trafalgar.qc.ca or 514-935-2644, ext. 237. US and UK donors will find tax receipt information on the **International Gifts** page.

Cheers and congratulations to Mr. Dowd on his retirement - forty years in education!

Join us at Homecoming 2016!

Dawn Wiseman '84,
President Trafalgar Old Girls Association (TOGA)

As a university professor, I never really lose that sense of excitement for the beginning of a new academic year. New students. New colleagues. New research. New learning. That sense of excitement is also one of the reasons I love being involved with TOGA. I am never far away from the school where those feelings first took hold.

This year, there is a lot to be excited about at Traf and for TOGA. First, we welcome our new Head of School, Katherine Nikidis. I look forward to working with her and to the new ideas she will bring. Second, over the course of the year, and in addition to our normal activities, The Trafalgar Old Girls Association will be preparing to celebrate its 80th anniversary in 2017-2018, alongside the school's 130th, Canada's 150th and Montreal's 375th. So much to celebrate!

As we engage in the excitement and prepare for even more next year, I invite all TOGA members to consider how they can (re)connect with each other and the school. You are always amazing at responding to calls for volunteers for Career Day, etc. This year, let's think together what it means to be a Traf alumna, and how we'd like to mark that occasion next year. In this day and age, where the only impediment to being in the same virtual space is time zones, I welcome you all to get in on the excitement and get involved. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Dawn received a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from the University of Alberta in 2016. During the Annual Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences Conference in Calgary, she also received the Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies Dissertation Award.

Reunion 2016 Invitation – Welcome Back to Traf!

Trafalgar Day and Homecoming Weekend 2016

Friday, October 21 to Saturday, October 22, 2016

Join Traf alumnae and former and current staff to celebrate the 129th anniversary of Trafalgar School.

You and your family are invited! Classes with years ending in 1 or 6 are celebrating a special anniversary!
Register on our website or complete and return this form by October 7, 2016 (select your activities).
Contact Martha Hancock at mhancock@trafalgar.qc.ca or call 514-935-2644 x 219.

Weekend Schedule

Friday, October 21

☐ 9 am Coffee Hour ☐ 10 am Trafalgar Ross Lecture (with author Kim Thúy)

Afternoon and evening are free for class get-togethers

Saturday, October 22

☐ 1 pm - 3 pm Traf "Then and Now" self-guided tours and "Traf Family & Friends House Carnival" (no-charge)

☐ 6 pm - 10 pm Reunion Reception and Dinner (with wine) at the St. James Club $75 (Classes of 2010 and prior); $40 (Classes of 2011-2016); Complimentary tickets for current and former staff

2016 Distinguished Alumna Award Presentation to Nilima Gulrajani '95

Celebration of 2016 Scholars & Explorers

RSVP and Payment (mail or phone option)

Mail to Martha Hancock, Trafalgar School for Girls, 3495 Simpson St.,
Montreal, Quebec H3G 2J7 or call 514-935-2644 x 219.

Name_____Class_____No. of Tickets _____ @ $ _____ = $_____

☐ Cheque (payable to Trafalgar School for Girls)

☐ Credit card #_____ Name on Card _____ Expiry Date _____CVV #_____

Be sure to contact your Class Rep for more info or call the Advancement Office. Check Facebook for class groups that may have been created.

Trafalgar Day and TOGA Homecoming Reunion

October 2015

Trafalgar Day began when Old Girls, parents and members of the Trafalgar community attended the annual Trafalgar Ross Lecture on October 23, with guest speaker **Dr. Victoria Kaspi, astrophysicist and Director of the McGill Space Institute**. Dr Kaspi's thoughtful and engaging presentation brought her study of neutron stars and super nova into everyday terms and images to which the audience could relate. Her question and answer period extended beyond the lecture hall, and her generosity in posing for photos with physics fans, was stellar.

Dr. Kaspi with Dara Jacobs, aspiring astrophysicist and sister of Darian Jacobs '11

Homecoming Weekend continued with the annual Traf Family House Carnival and tours of the school. Alumnae from around the world gathered at the St. James Club and were formally piped into the TOGA Reunion Dinner by a member of the Black Watch Regiment. Jill Marshall Patton '65, celebrating her 50th anniversary with classmates, gave the toast to Trafalgar. The newest Scholars & Explorers were celebrated and Barclay House members received the House Carnival plaque for their outstanding teamwork with current students at the friendly competitions earlier that day. TOGA President Dawn Wiseman '84 welcomed Susan Stevenson to the Trafalgar Old Girls Association as an Honorary Old Girl, presenting her with a Traf kilt and thanking her for her dedication to the school. Susan is the mother of Jane '89, current member of the Board of Governors since 2003, Trafalgar Ross Foundation member since 1999, Chair of the Foundation since 2008, and one of Traf's biggest cheerleaders.

Leticia "Letty" Artola Cox '48 was honoured with the 2015 Distinguished Alumna Award and gave an acceptance speech from the heart: "Instead of Traf giving an award to me, I should give them an award for all that they contributed, not just to my academic formation, but for how my life unfolded after my experience at the school. It was a life-changing turn of events. I will never forget the first day I set foot in Canada in October 1945 (from Cuba). I slept on my bed in the Boarding section of the school. Little did I know that Canada was to become my adoptive country. Memories like this remain present in my mind and I still vividly recollect exactly where my father and I stood when Miss Foster (who became Dr. Foster) came to greet us at the bottom of the big stairs leading to the boarding rooms...I have very good memories of my three years at Traf. Thank you for this recognition.

Distinguished Alumna 2015
Founder of the Argyle Institute of Human Relations

Toast to Trafalgar

Jill Marshall Paton '65

"Tonight we toast our memories of our many years at Trafalgar – the students, athletes, and friends we once were – reunited for a time, reliving our shared past. Everything that happened here played its part in shaping us, so we return to remember the youth we were. We also honor those who taught and encouraged us. We remember old friends – those with us now, those who couldn't make it, and those who are no longer with us. Dear friends, lift your glasses with me to our younger selves – their activities, their plans, their promise. May we always remember with gratitude their part in making us who we are today."

The Intergenerational House Carnival plaque was awarded to Barclay House, who won the afternoon competition.

Scholars and Explorers Megan Börner '79, Bunty Cronyn Snelgrove '34 and Saiqua Waien '82.

Honourary Old Girl Susan Stevenson with proud family members.

2015 Reunion - The Anniversary Years

Principal Dowd with Juanita "Bunty" Cronyn Snelgrove, Class of 1934, celebrating 81 years

Class of 1950 (60 years)

Class of 1965 (50 years)

Class of 1970 (45 years)

Class of 1975 (40 years)

Class of 1980 (35 years)

Class of 1990 (25 years)

Class of 1995 (20 years)

Class of 2005 (10 years)

Interactive souvenir iBook created by Class of '70 members

View all photos from the Homecoming Weekend on the Alumnae pages of Trafalgar's website.

TOGA Chapter & Traf Family Reunions

Traf Family Reunion Monkland Street Festival August 20-23, 2015

New Traf family members, The Naimers, stopped by for a visit and a photo with the Traf bear before daughter Molly-Beth begins Grade 7 in September 2015.

TOGA YOGA August 26, 2015

Traf's beautiful garden was the site for our first-ever outdoor TOGA YOGA session. Jessica Lawrence Thompson '82 led the group in a relaxing hour of wellness attended by: Martha Hancock '79, Jane Webster '82, Dawn Wiseman '84, Katherine Wagner '09, Vera Wagner '11, parent and board member Alison Shore, and Staff member Mélanie Leblanc.

Halifax Lunch and Tour of HMCS Sackville October 15, 2015

Principal Geoff Dowd, his wife Kathy McKnight, and Traf Advisory Board member Giovanna Spadafora were pleased to meet with Traf Family in Halifax while there for the annual CAIS Conference. Mary Bristow-Harlan King '60, Nabiha Atallah '71, and LCDR (Ret) Sherry Daws-Knowles Richardson '53 joined them for lunch at the Waterfront Warehouse followed by a tour of HMCS Sackville. One couldn't ask for a more perfect guide in Traf's 2014 Distinguished Alumna, the first woman to command a ship of the Canadian Navy - HMCS Sackville!

Westmount Tea December 11, 2015

Tea-time at Place Kensington is always a civilized affair and is very much appreciated by the residents and friends who are part of the Trafalgar School community. Principal Geoff Dowd, Martha Hancock '79 and Director of Advancement Sharon Cozens were joined by: Grace Phillips Hancock '41, Joan Erzinger Meyer '43, Peggy-Jean Ross Thomas '44, Elizabeth Bennett Lewis '45, Dorothy Eadie Wyer '47, Nan Carlin '52, Elizabeth Corken Annesley '56, former Board Chair Judy Mowat '52, Margaret Sparks Caron '52, Barbara Winn '52, Catherine Howard Brault '59, former Board Chair Marigold Hyde, and Traf parent Joyce Besso (Claudia Besso '83).

Vancouver Reception April 12, 2016

Deborah Spafford '67, Catherine Tait '67 (via ferry from Gibson's), Susan Charest '73, and Tamsin Lyle '92 joined Sharon Cozens at The Rogue in Gastown. The Traf bond is strong across the country!

Ottawa Cocktail May 16, 2016

The Ottawa Chapter gathering at the Clarkstown Kitchen & Bar brought many retirement wishes for Mr. Dowd. Guests included: Hope Ross-Papezik '42, Valerie Sims '47, Margaret Clegg Terry '56/former staff member, Diana Falkner-Hennessy '58, Peggy MacLean Lister '58, Janet Chandler Allingham '68, Victoria Milnes '68, Emily Black '64, Joanne Palmer '72, Merrilyn Hodgson-Haarsma '76, Anne Wood '76, Laura Blair '98, Melissa Radford '99, Emma Blakely '98, Karine Azoulay '04, former staff member Nancy Mandigo, and Traf staff Geoff Dowd, Martha Hancock '79, Marilyn Meikle '80, and Sharon Cozens.

Karine Azoulay '04, Melissa Radford '99, Geoff Dowd, Emma Blakely '98, Laura Blair '98

Kingston Lunch May 25, 2016

Our thanks to Marie-Anne Erki '75 and John Cowan for hosting a gorgeous lunch at their home in Kingston. Appreciative guests were: Carolyn Bedford-Jones Pratt '57, Dorothea Burns '61, Margaret I.E. Coyle Irvine '74, Joan Erzinger Meyer '43, Susan Stevenson, Chair, Trafalgar-Ross Foundation, Principal Geoff Dowd, and Sharon Cozens.

Toronto Reception May 25, 2016

The Belmer Family co-hosted a splendid affair in The Jasper Room of The Four Seasons. Ashley Belmer '00 and parents, former Board Chair Michael Belmer and Lynn Belmer, warmly welcomed Old Girls and friends: Joan Erzinger Meyer '43, Margo Thornton Savard '43, Dana Leigh Hopson '56/former staff, Yanina Jezek '70, Tanya Pimenoff '70, Liane Sharkey '70, Betty Hutchins '74 and daughter Paige Halam-Andres, Cathy Ferguson Burrows '75, Fiona Cooper '80, Karen Biernaski '82, Liane Kotler '83, Liza Kessler Straker '84, Andrea Mandel-Campbell '85, Michele Mani '85, Jessica Mosher '85, Linda Kessler Shapiro '85, Melissa Abramowitz '90, Christine Jabal Speirs '91, Evita Ferreira '08, Elyse Jacobson '08, past parents Susan and John Zacharias, Traf friends Robert Black and Judith Adams, Geoffrey Dowd, Susan Stevenson, and Sharon Cozens.

Betty Hutchins '74 and daughter Paige Halam-Andres raise a glass with the Belmer family: Michael, Lynn and Ashley '00.

Traf Family Reunion Victoria Village Fair June 18-19, 2016

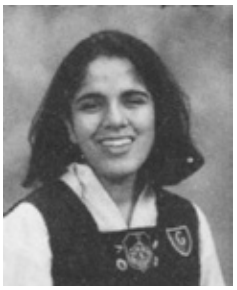
Claire Panet-Raymond '74 stops to have her photo taken with the Traf Bear and to wish Geoff Dowd all the best on his retirement.

Traf Family Reunion Pow Wow, Kahnawake July 9-10, 2016

Loanna Zacharie '94 and her daughter visit the booth. Loanna is a social worker in Kahnawake.

Distinguished Alumna 2016

Nilima Gulrajani ’95



Research Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute, UK’s leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues.

Dr. Nilima Gulrajani ’95 is “an internationally-recognized expert on effective foreign aid management and public sector administrative reform in both developed and developing countries. She has fifteen years experience conducting research at leading academic institutions, including Cambridge University, London School of Economics and Oxford University.”

Nilima attended Trafalgar from 1990-1995 and was Head Prefect from ’94-’95. She earned an IB at the Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific (selected as Quebec’s scholarship recipient) then a BA (First Class Joint Honours) at McGill University in Economics and Political Science. She attended University of Cambridge in 2001, graduating with Distinction and earning a MPhil in Development Studies. Then, as a Bill Gates Scholar, Nilima earned her PhD in Management Studies in 2005.

Dr. Gulrajani “is currently Research Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute, UK’s leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues. In addition to her role at ODI, she is a Senior Research Associate at the Global Economic Governance Programme, University College, Oxford University. She has previously worked as an Assistant Professor at the London School of Economics, where she taught international public management and supervised graduate student research.” She has practical experience at the International Trade and Finance Group at the Canadian Ministry of Finance, the World Bank, and the International Development Research Centre.

A prolific writer, Nilima has published in leading academic and media outlets including The Globe and Mail and The Guardian. She is also Associate Editor of *Public Administration and Development*. She presents and lectures at policy conferences and universities worldwide.

Nilima writes, “I consider myself a conscientious “doer” who enjoys dealing with practical questions about organisational design, strategy and marketing, corporate governance and performance. I have the privilege of honing these skills in my role as a trustee of charity Integrity Action.”

In 2012, Nilima was named one of the 125 Women of Trafalgar – Scholars & Explorers saying that her time at Trafalgar had a big influence on her, giving her “self-belief.”

On being named the 2016 Distinguished Alumna, Nilima, ever-modest, says, “I can’t help but feel it is undeserved, but I am truly honoured to have been nominated for this award.”

Sources: odi.org, globaleconomicgovernance.org

Distinguished Alumna Award Recipients

2015 Leticia (Letty) Artola ’48, Founder of the Argyle Institute of Human Relations
2014 LCDR (Ret.) Sherry Daws-Knowles Richardson CD ’53, first female Ship Commander, Canadian Navy
2013 Lola Sheppard ’88, Architect
2012 Caryl Churchill ’55, Playwright
2011 Lynne Echenberg ’89, Public Service Lawyer
2010 Ruth Simons ’75, Palliative Care Physician and Educator
2009 Rhona and Rhoda Wurtele ’40, Olympic Skiing Pioneers
2008 Anne Wood ’76, International Relief Worker
2007 Cathy Ferguson Burrows ’75, Bank Marketing and Information Pioneer

Read more about our past recipients. Visit the Distinguished Alumna Award page on the school’s website.

Welcome to TOGA Class of 2016

Traf’s newest alumnae at the “Welcome to TOGA” ceremony. 2016 Class Reps are Christiane-Marie Cantwell, Iako Patton and Lily Luber.

TOGA Executive 2016-2017

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Geneviève Redstone ’07
Cassie Jones ’12
Kate Whitmore ’13

Feel free to write!
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The Class of 2016 wearing togas at their “Welcome to TOGA” celebration.

A balanced education...

2016 Mathematics Competitions

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo and the University of Windsor

Top Ranking Students at Trafalgar

Junior Level

Gauss Competition

Grade 7, Peggy Gao; Grade 8, Tali Adam

Senior Level

Pascal Competition: Grade 9, Shuming Li
Cayley Competition: Grade 10, Ziqian Wei
Fermat Competition: Grade 11, Julia Singerman

More than half of Trafalgar students were recognized for their stellar academic achievements in the 2015-16 school year. First Class Standing, an academic average for the full year of 85-89%, was awarded to 28% of our students. First Class Standing with Honours, an overall academic average of 90% or higher, was also awarded to 28% of our students.

McGill Science Award:

Presented to a graduating student who shows exceptional promise in science and mathematics.
Julia Singerman

McGill Social Sciences Award

Recognizing outstanding achievement of a graduating student in the social sciences.
Christiane-Marie Cantwell

Lieutenant Governor's Award

Grade 11 student **Julia McDonald** was presented with the Lieutenant Governor's Youth Award for her positive spirit, her volunteerism, and her significant involvement in our school and the wider community. A long-time Girl Guide and Pathfinder who has been awarded the Lady Baden-Powell Award and Canada Cord, Julia will help represent Canada at the Girl Guides World Centre this summer in India.

World School

Trafalgar School for Girls is the Canadian representative to the World School Forum. Students apply for the three delegate positions in the spring of Grade 10. Criteria includes high academic standing, the ability to work in a team and individually, and open-mindedness. Candidates submit a personal essay and a research paper prior to meeting with the selection committee. Canada was proudly represented by Grade 11 students **Julia McDonald, Christiane-Marie Cantwell** and **Beatrice Chemtov**. English Dept. Head Annie Brown accompanied the team to Milan, Italy in October 2015.

GMAA Juvenile Girls Touch Football Champions

Congratulations to the team, coached by alumna parent Sam Segal and Tori Crisp-Villanueva '15. Many thanks to Mme Gaulin, Staff Advisor. Team members in alphabetical order are: Beatrice Chemtov, Rebekka Daniels, Talya Diner, Nicole Frankel, Serenity Lopez, Gillian McLaughlin, Emma Mercier, Andréa Oliveira-Carneiro, Jaylin Rice-Douglass, Chloe Walter, Frances Wheeler-Hughes, Jill Whelan, Erin Whitmore

...enabling each girl to reach her full potential.

The Glee Team's performance included the song "Survivor" and the Traf girls proved they were, coming in 2nd place but raising the most funds - over $10,000 - for the Just for Kids Foundation in support of the Montreal Children's Hospital. Team Coach was Jess Fried '13.

Women of the World "WOW" Committee Members organized an inspiring lecture and workshop given by humanitarian Dr. Tererai Trent (Oprah's favourite guest) to celebrate International Women's Day. Tinogona! "It is achievable!'

March Break Community Service work - buliding a school in the Dominican Republic.

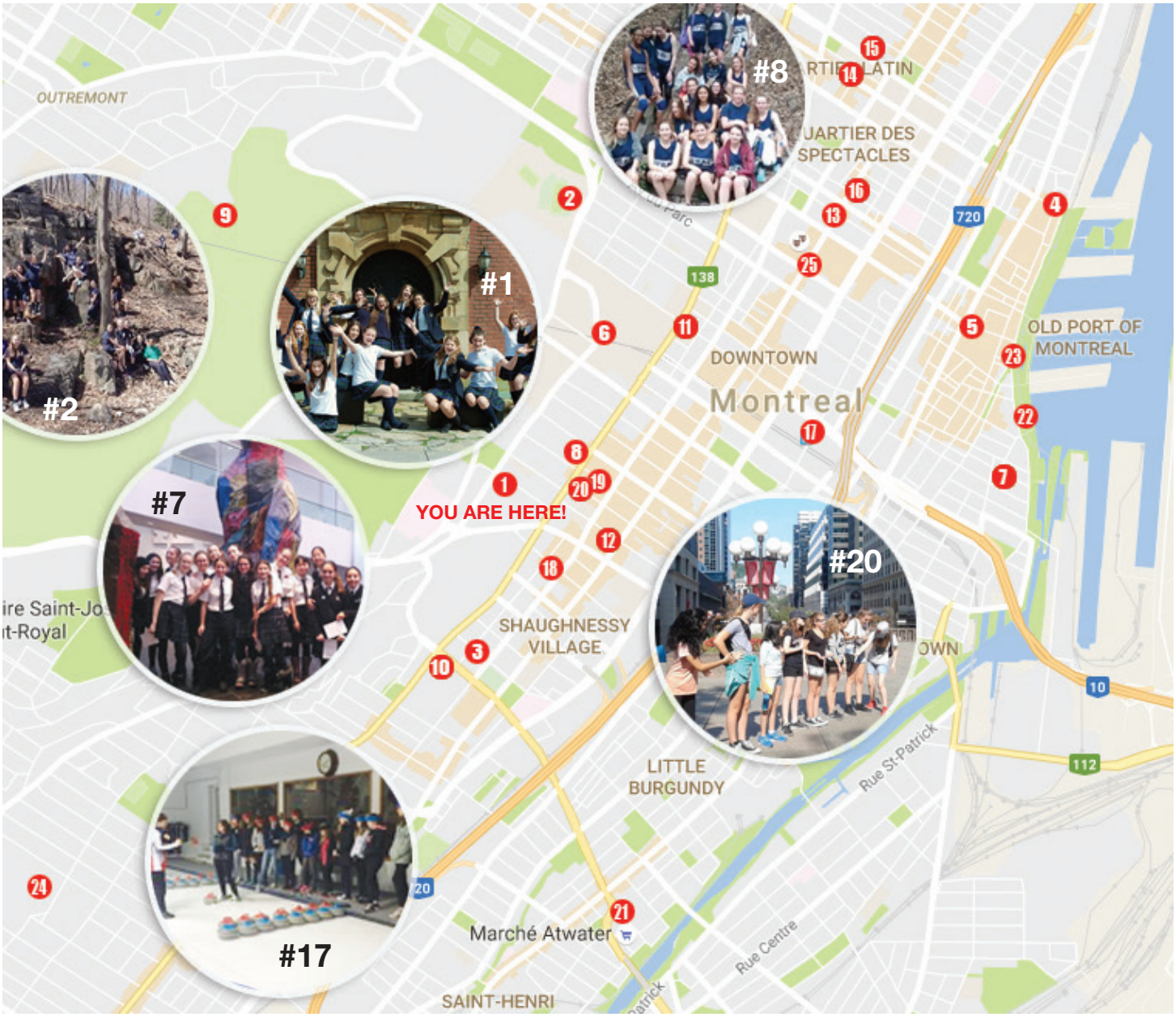
Cast of the Senior Musical, "Annie"

Grade 10 students Abigail Hazan, Julia Rochford, Yanting Zhou and Jaylin Rice-Douglass competed in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) to win $5,000 for Logifem, a women and children's shelter. "We want to do more and we want people to know what amazing work they are doing."

Band and Choir members at the Rhythms International Music Festival, Boston. The band won an "Excellent" rating for their performance.

Scene from the Junior Play, "15 Reasons Not To Be In A Play"

Trafalgar's Urban Campus



LOCATION	CLASSES TAUGHT
1 Trafalgar School For Girls	A balanced curriculum
2 Love Memorial Hall, McGill Sports Complex	Basketball Team Outing
3 Dawson College Theatre	English Class
4 Marché Bonsecours / World Press Photo Exhibit	Ethics Class
5 Centaur Theatre	Drama Class
6 Shatner Building, McGill University	McGill Debate Workshop
7 Sid Lee Lab	Technovation Challenge / Coding Club
8 Montreal Museum of Fine Arts	Art Class
9 Parc Mont Royal	PhysEd Class, Cross-Country Ski Club, Cross-Country Running Club
10 Dawson College Campus	Art Class
11 McCord Museum	Art Class
12 Concordia University	Art Class
13 Théâtre du Nouveau Monde.	Français Langue Seconde

LOCATION	CLASSES TAUGHT
14 Cinéma Quartier Latin	Français Langue Seconde
15 Bibliothèque Nationale et Archives du Québec	Français Langue Seconde
16 Club Soda	Français Langue Seconde
17 Bonaventure Hilton	Model United Nations Conference
18 Royal Montreal Curling Club	Physics Class
19 Théâtre du Rideau Vert	Français Langue Seconde
20 Concordia University - "Fast Food" Area	Science Class
21 Atwater Market & Urban Challenge	Grade 9 Orientation
22 Old Port of Montreal	Grade 8 Orientation
23 Pointe-à-Callière Museum of Archeology	Spanish Class
24 Marianopolis College	Debate Tournament
25 Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal	Field Trip

Traf Parents Participate

It's a win-win situation when Traf parents are in the building assisting our students and staff with projects and events. Having interested and willing experts and volunteers contribute to Traf daily life is a great benefit to the school. Parents get a lot out of their participation too! Those who volunteer at Traf (and there are many) love the connectedness they feel with the school, the staff and with fellow parents. Volunteer parents are role models for our students and for their own children. We say goodbye and thank you to some long-time graduating coordinators: Janet McDonald, Helena Oliveira, Monique Simard, Claudia Simpson and Darlene Singerman.

Career Day 2016

Grade 9-11 students received a wealth of information from eighteen great role models who came from near and far to share stories of their career paths. Keynote Speaker **Lauren Oppenheimer '96** from Washington, DC spoke about the steps she took to become **Minority Staff Director of the Senate Banking Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protections**. Lauren works on Wall Street reform and issues related to big banks known as Too-Big-To-Fail. She is also a Policy Advisor to Senator Jeff Merkley from Oregon, advising him on all matters relating to Budget, Banking, Taxes, and Trade. Lauren shared a photo of a recent day at work with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on his first visit to the Whitehouse as PM.

ALUMNAE PRESENTERS: Kate Hancock-Cooke '75, Research Scientist, Kimberly-Clark Corporation; **Melissa Haggerty '83**, Event Planner, SpectacularSpectacular (Toronto); **Aislinn Mosher '83**, Communications and Public Relations Executive; **Belinda Peres '85**, Federal Crown Counsel, Public Prosecution Service of Canada; **Karina Huber '90**, Freelance reporter (New York); **Maya Ekbote Walker '92**, Director Sourcing Management, Canada Post; **Samantha Haas '94**, Fitness professional; **Anisha Rangi '94** Publicity and Social Media Sr. Manager, MUSE Entertainment; **Hannah Cooper Klein '96**, Managing Director and Co-founder of international development consultant firm Cooper/Smith (Washington, DC); **Lauren Oppenheimer '96**, Minority Staff Director, Senate Banking Subcommittee (Washington, DC); **Lindsay Hollinger '98**, Lawyer, Jarislowsky, Fraser Limited; **Jessica Hermanovitch-Cadot '01**, Notary, Di Tullio & Hermanovitch-Cadot Notaires Inc.; **Mia Machnik (Maica Armata) '03**, Musician/Performer/Producer; **Shelley Ludman '04**, Architect, ERA Architects; **Sandra Witzen '05**, Engineer, CAE.

TRAF PARENT: Jurate Uleckas, Opthamologist, Cité de la Santé.

FRIENDS OF TRAFALGAR: Tori Hellrung, International Development Analyst, Universalia; **Deborah Bennett**, Lawyer, Children's Aid Society of Ottawa.

School Closing and Graduation Ceremonies 2016

SCHOLARSHIPS

THE BARBARA ARMBRUSTER SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded to the top ranking Form I student who does not already hold a scholarship.
Leah Bernstein

THE GEORGINA ELOISE FAIRIE SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded for a positive contribution to the performing arts programme, concern for others, and good academic standing.
Emma Conyers

THE JEAN ELIZABETH HARVIE SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded to the top ranking Form II student who does not already hold a scholarship.
Chloe Lee-Gauthier

PRIZES

THE LUCY BOX AWARD
Presented for sportsmanship, athletic ability, enthusiasm, and cooperation.
Emma Mercier

THE ALISON CARMICHAEL-GUITÉ PRIZE
Awarded to a Trafalgar girl in Form I or II who consistently displays integrity, decency and kindness in her dealings with others.
Marianna Cardin

THE CUMMING PRIZE
Awarded for devotion to work, high academic achievement, a high standard of conduct, and contributions to the life of the School.
Andrea Marie Oliveira-Carneiro

THE JANETTE C. DOUPE MEDAL
Awarded to a student who has brought honour to the School by an outstanding achievement.
Emmy Zemel

THE GEOFFREY DOWD AWARD (EST. 2016)

Awarded to an upper year international student who has involved herself in the life of the School, thereby promoting intercultural understanding and a broader worldview for all Traf girls.
Yanting Zhou

THE FAIRLEY PRIZE
Awarded to a graduating student for consistent integrity, intelligence and kindness in facing challenges, and fulfilling life's responsibilities in exemplary fashion.
Lily Luber

THE FORSYTH CUP
Awarded to the Senior girl who has made the most of her opportunities, showing herself friendly and helpful to all.
Marie-Catherine Hall

THE GOVERNORS' MEDAL
Awarded to the girl who has maintained the highest cumulative academic average throughout her last two years of high school.
Christiane-Marie Cantwell

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDAL
Awarded to the girl who has maintained the highest academic average throughout her final year.
Christiane-Marie Cantwell

THE JEAN E. HARVIE MEDAL
Awarded to a Form IV student for participation in school activities and high academic achievement.
Cecelia Lopez

THE NANCY MANDIGO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD
Awarded to a Senior student who is involved in service and philanthropic activities, and who, through her example, inspires community awareness and action in others.
Julia Rochford

THE STUDENT LIFE AWARD
Presented by the School to a graduating student who has dedicated herself over her career at Trafalgar to spirited participation in student activities and leadership, thereby enhancing student life at Trafalgar.
Gillian McLaughlin

THE TRAFALGAR CUP
Awarded to the most public spirited of the Senior girls who also has maintained a high standard of conduct and shown devotion to her work.
Annabel Gutherz

THE JANE WEDDLE MEMORIAL TROPHY
Awarded to a Form IV student for courtesy, character, and academic achievement.
Jessica Macintosh

THE JANE WIGHTMAN PRIZE
Awarded for leadership and commitment to helping others.
Saffron Tellier

ARTS & LANGUAGES AWARDS

THE BERRY MCKENNA CUP FOR MUSIC
Presented to a Senior student for participation in musical activities and sharing her talents with the school.
Annabel Gutherz

THE RIDOLFI ART AWARD
Presented to a student for excellence and enthusiasm in her artwork.
Julia Clarke

THE JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE CREATIVE WRITING PRIZE
Presented by the Trafalgar Old Girls' Association in memory of Miss Muriel Bedford-Jones.
Seyjii Schultz

THE BRYAN PRIZE FOR CREATIVE WRITING
Presented by the Trafalgar Old Girls' Association.
Alexa Jade Pronman

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MATHEMATICS AWARDS

THE ARMBRUSTER HISTORY CUP
Presented to a student who has achieved a high academic standard in History.
Christiane-Marie Cantwell

THE GRANT TECHNOLOGY PRIZE
Presented to a student whose interest in digital and/or A-V technology has benefited the school and its students.
Kate Kowarsky

THE PACKER CUP FOR MATHEMATICS
Presented to a student for enthusiasm and participation in Mathematics.
Gillian McLaughlin

THE GABRIELLE TAWFIK PHYSICS PRIZE
Presented to a student who has shown consistent interest and enthusiasm in Physics.
Andrea Marie Oliveira-Carneiro

A complete listing of all academic prizes presented to the graduating class can be found on the school's website

School Closing and Graduation Ceremonies 2016

Valedictorian Address

Excerpts from Emmy Zemel's speech.

I'd like to tell you a story that was quite helpful to me while writing this speech. When I was in Grade Seven, on this very stage, I delivered an after dinner speech as if I were the valedictorian of my graduating class. Here I am, five years later, with the same task. Only this time around, the butterflies in my stomach are not for the same reasons. Then, I felt nervous to speak in front of a large audience. Today, the pressure I feel is that I have to put into words how truly amazing these past five years have been. Despite the cheesiness of the Grade Seven valedictorian speech, I was actually quite wise beyond my years. My speech was about self-discovery...exactly what I want to talk to you about today.

Self-discovery can be defined in many different ways. I will be the first to admit, I still have a lot of living and learning left to do. However, I will say that self-discovery is mainly based on being your true self, no matter how weird or quirky. It's about being content with who you are...and, this is thanks to Traf, a place that has felt more like home than school; where we could sing at the top of our lungs in the locker room with absolutely no shame, a place where our awkward stages didn't feel so awkward, a place where we learned to love every part of ourselves, no matter how hard that sometimes may be...It is thanks to the teachers and staff, who went beyond the curriculum to teach us life lessons and who were always up for debate whenever we disagreed. You showed us what kind of students we wanted to be. You were always there to help us in our times of need, and many times you were more than just teachers, but friends and mentors.

Two months ago, at our grade sleepover. we reminisced about our favourite memories and said our thank yous to one another. The most common response among us all was, "thank you for letting me be who I am." I realized then what a special group we are and how lucky we are to have each other. We've supported each other through the good times and bad and have been a constant source of laughter every single day. We've formed sister-like bonds that I know will last a lifetime.

Emmy Zemel

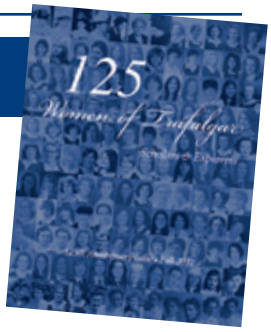
The self-confidence, intelligence, drive and accomplishments in this group show me that a girl can do just about anything. It proves to me that there is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women. As you move forward in life, and continue on your journey of self-discovery, I ask you to hold on to the part you discovered here at Traf...We are all leaving here with plans to change the world, I have no doubt that this is possible...

To quote my Grade Seven self, "It has been the best experience becoming best friends with all of you." I love and miss you all already.

Class of 2016 … New Beginnings

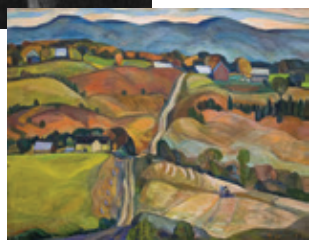
Tessa Bertucci, Marianopolis College, Psychology
Chelsea Bloom, Dawson College, Health Sciences
Christiane-Marie Cantwell, Neuchâtel Junior College
Kayla Capitina, John Abbott College, Social Science
Elanore Carbone, Dawson College, Studio Arts
Beatrice Chemtov, Stanstead College
Julia Clarke, Dawson College, Liberal Arts
Talya Diner, Dawson College, Pure and Applied Sciences
Carmela Failla, Dawson College, Business Management (Marketing)
Olivia Fellen, Marianopolis College, Psychology
Sylvie Gordaneer, Victoria High School, BC
Jaclyn Gordon, Marianopolis College, Commerce
Annabel Gutherz, Marianopolis College, Health Sciences
Marie-Catherine Hall, John Abbott College, Social Science
Katherine Hanna, Vanier College, Arts
Alexandra Hillcoat, Marianopolis College, Psychology
Sophie Hillcoat, Marianopolis College, Pure and Applied Sciences
Kate Kowarsky, Dawson College, Cinema/Video/Communications
Emma Kruger, Marianopolis College, Psychology
Sa bine Lisbona, Marianopolis College, Psychology
Lily Luber, Dawson College, Psychology
Julia McDonald, John Abbott College, Social Science (Honours)
Talia McGourdji, Dawson College, Commerce
Gillian McLaughlin, Dawson College, Pure and Applied Sciences
Emma Mercier, John Abbott College, Commerce
Andrea Oliveira-Carneiro, Dawson College, Health Sciences
Iakoiehwahtha Patton, Marianopolis College, Psychology
Hannah Polachek, Marianopolis College, Psychology
Carolyne Schumacher, John Abbott College, Social Science (Honours)
Julia Singerman, Marianopolis College, Health Sciences
Lindsay Thow, Dawson College, Psychology
Leslie Unger, Dawson College, Health Sciences
Carolina Videira, Champlain Regional College, Health Sciences
Sabrina Weiss, Dawson College, Commerce
Jillian Whelan, John Abbott College, Social Science
Emmy Zemel, Marianopolis College, Health Sciences

2016 Scholars & Explorers



Each year *The Victory* shares the stories of new Scholars & Explorers, honouring and preserving Traf's legacy of outstanding women. This tradition began in 2012 with the *125 Women of Trafalgar – Scholars & Explorers* magazine. We invite Old Girls and the Traf family at large to nominate future Scholars & Explorers and add to this impressive list. Visit www.trafalgar.qc.ca to read the initial publication and annual additions in *The Victory* Magazines.

The Early Years



Nora Collyer 1917

Attended Trafalgar: 1910-1917
Education: Art Association of Montreal
Beaver Hall Group Artist / Trafalgar School Art Teacher

Member of the Beaver Hall Group of painters

Nora Collyer attended The Trafalgar Institute (now Trafalgar School for Girls) from 1910-1917, graduating at a time when women were not recognized as persons nor had the right to vote in Canada. She took art classes at the Art Association of Montreal. In 1920, she joined the Beaver Hall Group founded by A.Y. Jackson and considered Quebec's "counterpart" to the Group of Seven. Nora was the youngest of ten women artists in the group including Emily Coonan, Prudence Heward, Mabel Lockerby, Mabel May, Kathleen Morris, Lilias Torrance Newton, Sarah Robertson, Anne Savage, and Ethel Seath, and their support of one another "was essential to their success in the male-dominated art world." From 1925-1930, Nora taught drawing at Trafalgar School earning $800 per year, but when her mother died, she left to manage her family's household. She later taught classes in her home and on Saturday mornings at the Art Association of Montreal "and volunteered at the University Settlement, the Griffintown Club, and the Children's Memorial Hospital." She learned a great deal from Maurice Cullen on sketching trips, her favourite subjects being "flowers, riverscapes, old houses…villages." The Royal Canadian Academy exhibited her first works as early as 1922 and several Canadian Group of Painters exhibitions followed. One of her works was included in the Canadian paintings exhibited at the Canadian Pavilion at 1939 World's Fair in New York. In 1964, Galérie Walter Klinkhoff hosted her first solo exhibition. In 2016, thirty-seven years after Nora's death, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts held the first major exhibition featuring the Beaver Hall Group. Trafalgar alumna Susan Kilburn '56 was a family friend and one of Nora's students. "She was a lovely human being and I was enormously fond of her." For her talent as an artist and educator, and for helping to shape the role of women painters in Canada, Nora is named a Scholar and Explorer.

Thanks to: Susan Kilburn '56 and Alan and Craig Klinkhoff for the above photo. Sources: Alan Klinkhoff Gallery, klinkhoff.ca; Painting Friends - The Beaver Hall Women Painters*, Barbara Meadowcroft, vehiculepress.com;* The Women of Beaver Hall: Canadian Modernist Painters*, Evelyn Walters, evelynwalters.com*

Arts

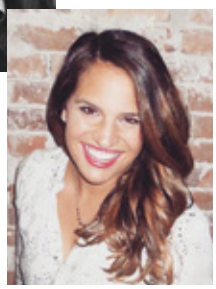
Dorothea "Thea" Burns 1961

Attended Trafalgar: 1957-1961
Education: BA (1st Class Honours) Fine Arts, McGill University; MAC, Queen's University; Certificate in the Conservation of Works of Art on Paper, Center for Conservation and Technical Studies, Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University; PhD, Art History/ Conservation and Technical Studies, Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London, UK
Writer and Researcher / Art Conservator / Art Conservation Educator

"The first Helen H. Glaser Senior Paper Conservator for Special Collections, Harvard University Library"

Thea Burns, a highly regarded art conservator and pastel art and metalpoint drawing expert, has dedicated her life to art. With a BA in Fine Arts from McGill, Thea went on to Queen's University earning a Master of Art Conservation degree and then to University of London's Courtauld Institute of Art for her PhD. She worked on independent projects for the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Canadian Centre for Architecture and Queen's University, among others, before becoming Professor of Paper Objects Conservation in Queen's Art Conservation Program. In 2002, she became the first Helen H. Glaser Senior Paper Conservator for Special Collections in the Weissman Preservation Center, Harvard University Library. A day in the life account can be found in Harvard Magazine describing Thea's meticulous and important work conserving the earliest printed map of Cambridge, England (1574). Using her scalpel like a surgeon she removes the pasted map from the back of an atlas, "one of only two extant copies… found in 1894" saving it from total deterioration. Thea has authored a number of scholarly articles and books in English and French including *L'art du pastel*, translated into English and described as "The only comprehensive history of pastel art." In 2006, Thea received the Craig Hugh Smyth Visiting Fellowship, Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, Florence, Italy. She's contributed to professional journals worldwide and her most recent book manuscript in press is '*Compositiones variae*': *A Late Eighth-century Craftsman's Technical Treatise Reconsidered.* "Trafalgar gave me a love of learning, the tools to begin to pursue my interests, scholarly and otherwise, and the desire to succeed." She is proud of "the increasing recognition over recent years of the interest and value of my scholarship by conservators, curators and art historians internationally." For her contributions to art and art conservation worldwide and for her never-ending love of learning, Thea has been named a Scholar and Explorer.

Athletics



Katrina "Katie" Monton 2004

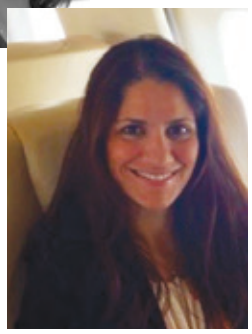
Attended Trafalgar: 1999-2004
Education: BA (Sociology/Psychology), Concordia University (expected 2017)
Canadian National Water Polo Team Athlete

Canadian National Water Polo Team Athlete

Katie Monton, a member of Canada's Senior Women's National Water Polo Team, burst with pure joy and pride in 2009 at the Aquatic World Championships in Rome where she earned a silver medal. "Standing on the podium and knowing you are one of the best in the entire world for your sport is a feeling that is hard to describe." Katie started playing water polo at the age of thirteen at the Dollard des Ormeaux Water Polo Club. Training and going to high school was a challenge but it paid off. She and her team won nine national championships from 2004-2013 (she was Captain of the 2006 Junior National Team). Katie's sport has taken her to 25 countries competing at, five Aquatic World Championships, two Pan American Games (earning silver in Mexico in 2011) and two Junior World Championships. She attended the University of California, Berkeley, for one semester on a scholarship, and helped that team reach its best-ever result at the NCAA Championships. One of the hardest things to face was missing the 2016 Rio Olympics qualifications by one goal. "I believe that through failure we grow, and although competing at the Olympics was my dream for a long time, I'll have many other dreams." Katie's work and volunteer experience will surely help her reach her future goals of counselling, law or both: Shelter Coordinator, Intervention Intern, and In-School mentor are examples of her involvment. She was one of ten athletes selected for Game Plan, a Canadian Olympic Committee program helping athletes transition from an athletic career to a professional one. She also raises funds for Generosity.org and Live for the Cause Foundation. Katie is honoured to be recognized by the institution that was such a large part of making her who she is today. For her contributions to the sport of water polo and for her commitment to making the world a better place, Katie has been selected a Scholar & Explorer.

Business

"Bombardier saw that I was determined and had a vision for how I wished to manage the organization."



Puja Mahajan 1990

Attended Trafalgar: 1985-1990
Education: BEng (Major: Mechanical Engineering/Minor: Environmental Engineering), McGill University
Airline CEO / Engineer

Puja Mahajan is CEO of Elit'Avia, one of the world's foremost aircraft charter, management and travel services providers. She is responsible for the entire operation including 21 wide-body private aircraft and over 160 world-wide employees and is proud to be the first and only person to take the reigns from the founder of the company. After graduation from McGill in 1996, Puja joined Pratt & Whitney where she developed an award-winning chevron-type turbine blade. From 2001 to 2013, Puja worked for Bombardier Aerospace gaining expertise in flight operations and aviation safety, sales and budget management, aircraft specification and delivery acceptance, product marketing, strategic planning, and customer management, but there were many challenges. Her most memorable was on her first day at the Hartford, Connecticut office as Learjet Product Manager. She was asked to roll out the new product to a team of over 100 engineers and technicians in Wichita...in 3 days! "I knew nothing about Lear jets or airplane systems, so, after 48 hours of intense learning, cramming and preparation, I flew to Wichita to present the launch, face a barrage of questions as the "product expert", and begin what would be two years of work with the development team." Another challenge was proving herself as the best candidate for the Director of Flight Operations position despite having no pilot experience, being female and being under 40. "Bombardier saw that I was determined and had a vision for how I wished to manage the organization." In 2013, Puja moved to Europe as COO and Accountable Manager of Elit'Avia, overseeing operations in Slovenia and Malta, before becoming CEO in 2016. Puja has fond memories of Traf as Fairley Prefect and Yearbook Co-Editor. She suggests that young women should "find one or two good mentors who share your passions and will help get you through the challenging moments. Don't give up!" For her confidence, perseverance and for being a strong role model to young women, Puja has been selected as a Scholar and Explorer.

Education

The 13th student in the history of Bryn Mawr College to earn Summa cum laude.

Christine Williams Ayoub 1938

Attended Trafalgar: 1933-1938
Education: AB, Bryn Mawr College (Summa cum laude); AM (Mathematics), Radcliffe College; MA, (Mathematics), McGill University (Magna cum laude-thesis); PhD (Mathematics), Yale University
Mathematics Professor Emerita

Christine Williams Ayoub attended the Trafalgar Institute because her father knew of its fine reputation. Miss Cumming was Principal and Miss Bryan, Vice-Principal, had read classics at Trinity College, Dublin. Christine began to learn Latin before the other girls and soon added Greek to her curriculum. Mrs. Leonard and Miss Cam were also excellent teachers "and probably were partly responsible for the fact that I continued in Math." In 1938, Christine received the highest grade in the McGill Junior Matriculation exams earning McGill's Trafalgar Scholarship but she chose to go to Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, instead. There she earned her Bachelor's degree, Summa cum laude, the 13th student in the history of the college to do so. She holds two Masters degrees - one from Radcliffe College (the then female counterpart to the all-male Harvard College) and one from McGill, obtaining Magna cum laude for her thesis. In 1947, she earned her PhD from Yale. She spent the next few years at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton and as an instructor at Cornell University. From 1953-1984 she was Lecturer, Associate Professor and Professor at Pennsylvania State University. She has been a Visiting Professor at the universities of Frankfurt, Warwick, and Riyadh; and Lecturer at Bethlehem University and throughout Morocco. In 1995 she consulted on initiating a PhD program at Amman University. In retirement, Christine was named Penn State's Volunteer of the Year. She researched her grandmother's art leading to exhibits in New York City, and she created an Oral History project documenting Quaker life, a rich part of her father's history, writing a book, *Memories of the Quaker Past*. From 1986-1990 she and her husband, Raymond Ayoub, founded Foxdale Village, a continuing care retirement community near the Penn State campus. At age 94, Christina teaches Bridge in the Osher Lifelong Learning Program. For her commitment to the teaching of mathematics, for preserving history and creating programs to benefit others, and for being the epitome of a lifelong learner, Christine has been named a Scholar and Explorer.

Law

Her experience at the Supreme Court significantly informs her practice.

Jennifer "Jenny" Klinck 2003

Attended Trafalgar: 1998-99; 2002-2003
Education: BCL/LL.B, McGill University; LL.M. (Master of Laws), University of Cambridge
Lawyer

Jennifer Klinck is a lawyer at Power Law, a boutique public law litigation firm specializing in constitutional, human rights, and administrative law, as well as Supreme Court of Canada and appellate litigation. The collapse of the national law firm, Heenan Blaikie, where she was working in 2014, created major uncertainty in her career; however, this opened up an opportunity to join a small group starting Power Law. Jennifer's pro bono work has included representing human rights organizations in court proceedings, acting as Chair of Egale Canada's Legal Issues Committee and mentoring with Pro Bono Students Canada. "My proudest moment was leading a Supreme Court of Canada intervention on behalf of Amnesty International in a refugee law case in 2014." Jenny says that Traf helped her see a world of opportunities, and to see herself as someone who could strive for them. "Traf is an exceptionally supportive environment, where I was encouraged to try everything and to be my quirky self." At McGill, Jenny earned a multitude of awards: the James McGill Entrance Scholarship; the Grace Fairley Trafalgar Scholarship, the Aimé Geoffrion Medal for finishing second in her class, the Daniel Mettarlin Scholarship for civil law and public interest advocacy, and the Allan Neil Assh Memorial Award for business law. Jennifer was a Summer Student-at-Law at Osler, Hosking & Harcourt LLP (New York and Montreal), Law Clerk for the Hon. Mr. Justice Marshall Rothstein (Supreme Court of Canada), and Member of the Supreme Court and Public Law Group headed by former Supreme Court of Canada Justice Michel Bastarache. She received The Right Honourable Paul Martin Sr. Scholarship, a full scholarship to pursue a Master of Laws, which she completed at the University of Cambridge in 2015 with First Class Honours and more awards. Her experience at the Supreme Court significantly informs her practice having taken part in the presentation of labour relations, senate reform and immigration cases. For opening a door when one closes and for her dedication to the practice of law, Jenny is named a Scholar and Explorer.

Medicine

Deborah Golberg 1991

Attended Trafalgar: 1986-1991
Education: BSc (Honours) Queen's University; MD, University of Western Ontario; Certification in Family Medicine, McGill University
Family Physician

"At Traf I was mentored by women who I respected and who were passionate about teaching."

Dr. Deborah Golberg has worked as a family physician for the past 14 years with a particular interest in maternal and child healthcare. In addition to her work at the Herzl Family Practice Centre, Debbie is a Faculty Lecturer, McGill University Department of Family Medicine (she will be Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Medicine in Fall 2016), Clinician and Supervisor at the Department of Family Medicine (Jewish General Hospital), Acting Chairperson of The Council of Physicians, Dentists & Pharmacists (CPDP) at Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (Kahnawake), and an on-call obstetrical supervisor for family medicine trainees. Debbie was named Chief Resident, twice for McGill's Family Medicine Residency (1999) and Skills in Emergency Medicine programs (2002). She earned the Michael Klein Fellowship and was named an Osler Fellow. Debbie's outreach spreads far and wide. She's volunteered as Camp Doctor at Camp Ouareau, was the Designated Physician for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and organized and spoke at the Women's and Children's Health Workshop in Madagascar. And, she makes time for Traf as Class Rep., TOGA Executive Member (2006-2013) and 125th Anniversary Celebrations Committee member. She has even administered flu shots to Trafalgar staff. A Prefect and Fairley House Head, Debbie has fond memories of Traf especially winning the GMAA soccer championship 3 years in a row. "I tried new things and was mentored by women whom I respected and who were passionate about teaching." When Debbie speaks at Traf's Career Day, she reminds students to be themselves and to follow their passion, telling them her own story of switching from emergency medicine to maternal child health. "It was the first time in my life that I "gave up" on something that I'd started, but in the end, I was much happier and felt I fit in." For her devotion to family medicine, for mentoring others, and for having the courage to change her path, Debbie has been chosen a Scholar and Explorer.

Service

Patricia "Patty" Heintzman 1983

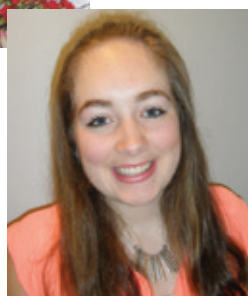
Attended Trafalgar: 1979-1983
Education: BA (History), McMaster University; Diploma (Applied Photography), Sheridan College
Politician / Communitarian

"Finding solutions to better people's lives has profound meaning and therefore purpose beyond self."

"Finding solutions to better people's lives has profound meaning and therefore purpose beyond self" says Squamish, BC Mayor Patricia Heintzman. Patty is proud that her community "is finding significant economic, social, sustainable success, and has a reputation as a leader in innovation, climate change, and is future focused." She is especially proud of the community's progress in developing a true partnership and collaboration with First Nations people. "We've begun a meaningful and hopefully generational foundation to truth and reconciliation and hope to become an example to other communities and Canadians." Patty did not set out to be a politician. In fact, after earning a BA in History and a diploma in Applied Photography, she spent 15 years in journalism and publishing as Partner, Editor and Art Director of "99 North", an outdoor recreation-focused magazine in BC's Sea to Sky Country. This was followed by positions in local government including Municipal Councillor, District of Squamish (2005-2015), and on community organization boards: President, Squamish Chamber of Commerce; Director of Squamish Helping Hands Society, Union of BC Municipalities, to name a few. Patty recognizes that her high school years were foundational. "Traf allowed me to be all things, or at least any one I wanted to explore being and, therefore, gave me opportunities to probe all aspects of my abilities. Traf allowed us to see women and girls in all leadership roles. I could be a jock one minute and a Student Council leader the next; paint sets for plays and raise money for orphans; be a class clown and a class brain (mostly a clown)."

On becoming Mayor in 2015, Patty admits that her biggest challenge was convincing herself she wanted and needed to run. Her advice to young women: "Never let anyone tell you that you can't do or accomplish something. Challenge that assertion and become even more determined. And, never feel guilty about having a house cleaner." For being assertive, determined and for having a strong social conscience, Patty is named a Scholar and Explorer.

Woman to Watch



Katelyn Downey 2015

Attended Trafalgar: 2010-2015
Education: BSc (Honours), Queen's University (expected)
Environmental Science

"Without these Trafalgar experiences, I doubt I would have been able to follow my dream of attending Queen's."

When 18 year-old Katelyn Downey opened the email containing her scholarship offer from Queen's University she couldn't believe her eyes. She learned she was the recipient of The Chernoff Family Award valued at $60,000. "I felt so much pride and thanks upon receiving the award and realized that all of the efforts my parents had made to send me to Traf were paying off." Katelyn believes she could not have won this award without them nor without Trafalgar, as the scholarship was based on academic success, leadership skills, creative thinking and involvement in school and community life. Katelyn arrived at Traf as a shy girl who was nervous about trying new things and fearful of failing. But in the safe and accepting environment that is Traf, she learned that getting involved was worth the risk and that it never hurts to try. She certainly took advantage of all opportunities and represented Trafalgar well as a World School delegate in Russia, speaker and panelist at the World Social Science Forum, at the QAIS French and English Public Speaking competitions, and at community service placements, among others. Prefect, Games Captain, actor, stage-manager, and soccer and swim team member are also on her Traf CV. "Without these Trafalgar experiences, I doubt I would have been able to follow my dream of attending Queen's." Katelyn's list of academic accomplishments is also long including winning top prizes for physical education, environmental science and technology, music, distinction en français interdisciplinaire, chemistry, math, physics, and the Governor General's and Governor's Medals for highest academic average. Accolades continued at John Abbott College where she was on the Honour Roll and Dean's List cited as having the fourth highest academic average in the Fall 2015 term. Katelyn is planning to audition for the university's chamber orchestra and join squash and environmental clubs when she starts school in September 2016. For her confidence and perseverance, Katelyn has been selected as a Scholar and Explorer.

Alumnae News

1910s

Present day Art Teacher Lori Litvack took her students to the Colours of Jazz Exhibition at the Musée des Beaux Arts where they saw this landscape ("Untitled" 1920s) by **Nora Collyer '17**, former Trafalgar art teacher from 1925-1930. (Read more about Nora, a 2016 Scholar & Explorer, on Page 18.)

Honor Heward Grafftey '17 was the subject of the painting entitled "Nonnie" by artist Lilias Torrance Newton. "Nonnie" was on display at the Colours of Jazz Exhibition. Lilias Torrance and Honor's sister, Prudence Heward, were members of the famous Beaver Hall Group of Canadian women painters. The painting of our Old Girl was on loan from the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

1920s

Marian Kemp, daughter of Scholar and Explorer **Anne Byers Fergusson '29**, visited in September from Powell River, BC. Marian's aunt, **Elspeth Rankine Byers '41** also attended Traf. Director of Advancement Sharon Cozens notes, "It's wonderful to meet Traf family members and tell them more about their own family's history."

1930s

The school received memorabilia for the archives belonging to the late **Pauline Scott '30**. Friends **Joan Cavanaugh Gibb '53** and Suzanne Jackson kindly contacted the school to offer this to Traf's archives. "Pauline was very proud of her Alma Mater and always referred to her time there in glowing terms. Her memories and achievements remained with her all her life."

A Bible, awarded to **Margaret "Peggy" Clarke Belec '39** at the 1939 Closing Ceremonies, was donated to the Traf archives by her son Don Belec.

1940s

The accounts of Canadian Hall of Fame skiers **Rhona Wurtele '40** and **Rhoda Wurtele '40** are retold in a children's fictionalized chapter book entitled *Les Merveilleuses Jumelles W*. by Alain M. Bergeron (English translation: T*he Amazing Twins* W.). The book, released this year, shares the message that life has no limits. Meanwhile in Fiji…Rhoda Wurtele '40 (at age 95) completed her fourth skydive in four years.

1950s

Hilary Chalmers MacLeod '56 sent in her two latest books, *Something Fishy* and *Bodies and Sole*, to add to the Traf Old Girl Authors shelf in the library. Hilary is a CBC Bookie award-winner and her mysteries take place on Canada's East Coast.

Sandra Keymer Temple '56 presented the Forsyth Cup to **Marie-Catherine Hall '16** at the June graduation ceremonies, sixty years after Sandy received the same award. Both women are members of Cumming House and formed an immediate bond.

McGill student Bailey Robinson of Calgary dropped by for a tour of her grandmother's school. She was delighted to learn that **Jean Mason Cullen '58** was Head Girl, (photo below) and was thrilled to see her name also printed on the McGill Boards in the library (Jean's old gym).

1960s

Holly Rankin '63 lives in Ottawa and has published *An African Safari*, a book for children based on a recent trip to Africa. "They are my photos and verses (not a literary work of art!) about the animals." Partial proceeds go to KidsHelpPhone. It is available via Lulu or Amazon.

Movie director **Yoko Narahashi '64** wrote to share the news that her film "Hold My Hand" will be shown at the 2016 Montreal Film Festival.

Janet Chandler Allingham '68 successfully completed the 10th Anniversary 3-km open water Bring on the Bay Swim in the Ottawa River on July 16. Approximately 600 participants from Quebec and Ontario swam from one yacht club to another across Britannia Bay.

1970s

Celia Ross '72 stopped in for a visit on August 31, 2015 from Sault Ste Marie. Celia is currently Associate Professor of French at Algoma University where she was President from 1998 to 2010. Celia remembers her boarding days from '67-'69. This was her first trip back to Traf since graduation.

Cynthia Percival '74 travelled for seven weeks to Australia and New Zealand. In Australia she met classmate **Sue Ogilvy Greenwood '74** whom she had not seen in 42 years.

Karen Flam '71 has been on the speaker's circuit. She took part in the " Senior Health Care Briefing on Service Innovation and Technology" at the White House. This day-long session for senior Obama administration leaders featured the most innovative programs being offered in the field of caring for the elderly. Karen is the Foundation Director at Donald Berman Maimonides and Jewish Eldercare Centres in Montreal and serves on the Executive of the Association of Jewish Aging Services headquartered in Washington, DC. Karen was also invited to give a TEDx Talk this spring.

Marie-Anne Erki '75 exhibited her art at "Portraits and Scenes of Daily Life" at the Domino Theatre in June 2015 in Kingston. At the TOGA Kingston Chapter Lunch in May, Marie-Anne showed Trafites some of her artwork.

Winnie Tse '75 has retired from Borden Ladner Gervais LLP in Toronto and is now an adjudicator and a part-time member of the Ontario Consent and Capacity Board.

1980s

Liz Schwenker Yager '80 and son Jacob visited Traf last fall while in Montreal on a tour of Canadian universities. Liz and her family live in New Orleans.

Trafalgar School for Girls' founder, Donald Ross, would have been proud of Traf's representation at the 2015 St. Andrew's Society Annual Luncheon. **Marilyn Meikle '80**, St. Andrew's Society 2nd Vice-President, is pictured here with Guest of Honour Charles Hay, the Earl of Kinnoull. Also in attendance: Martha Hancock '79; Susan Stevenson, Chair of the Trafalgar Ross Foundation and Honorary Old Girl; Margo Pollock '89; and Trafalgar School Board member Bruce Bolton, and LCol (ret'd), The Black Watch.

Jane Crutchfield '81 is a Physical Education teacher with the Lester B. Pearson School Board and had the joy of working with the Explorations Camp this summer as their Phys. Ed. Director. Coincidentally, Explorations chose Traf as the site of their 2016 location. Jane posed with some of her campers in Traf's garden.

Kyriaki (Kiki) Vaggalis-Lazarou '81 visited Traf in the fall with husband John and twin sons Alexander and Leo and toured them around her "old school". Kiki and her family have recently moved to Toronto from Greece.

Delia Grenville '82 was named Intel's Technologist of the Year at the 20th Annual Women of Color STEM Conference.

2012 Scholar and Explorer **Janice leMaistre '84** joined the Court of Appeal of Manitoba, moving on from her position as Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba.

Dawn Wiseman '84 holds a position in the Faculty of Education at McGill. Her work focuses on science teacher education at elementary and secondary levels. She also continues to pursue research in bringing Indigenous and Western understandings together in science teaching and learning, science and math teacher education, STEM, and what makes Canadian science education research Canadian.

Alisia Grenville Mangold '85 and **Sheryl Ludwick Stotland '85** attended Grade 7 and 8 together at Traf from '80-'82 and their boys attended 8th grade together at the American School of Doha.

Congratulations to author **Alisia Grenville Mangold '85** on her latest children's book Sela Blue. *Sela Blue*, a female child protagonist of colour, is an adventurous and spirited six-year-old growing up in the Musical Village of Châteauguay. The book launch on February 1, 2016 coincided with the beginning of Black History month in Canada and the US. The third book in the series, *Sela Blue* was inspired by Alisia's anticipation of her own very first day of school. A copy of the book has been donated to Traf's library.

Anne Tinsley '85 of *forgirlsake* enjoyed Dr. Tererai Trent's talk with the Sauvé Fellows at a reception hosted by Sauvé House. Anne's visit to Montreal from her home in New York was perfectly timed to attend this special event prior to WOW Day at Traf.

Head Girl Annabel Gutherz '16 (WOW organizer) poses with Dr. Trent and Anne

Dr. Kirsten MacLeod '86, like her mother author **Hilary Chalmers MacLeod '56**, has donated her book to Traf's library. *American Little Magazines of the 1890s: A Revolution in Print* was part of Kirsten's exhibition at the Grolier Club in New York City in 2013. Kirsten is a Professor of English Literature at Newcastle University in England and signed Traf's copy noting, "Traf, I couldn't have come this far without the benefit of the great education you gave me. Thanks for 5 great years!"

Lola Sheppard '88 and Lateral Design's installation, "Impulse", was part of

Luminothérapie which turned Montreal's *Quartier des spectacles* into an outdoor playground for two dark months this winter. Passersby enjoyed playing on thirty seesaws that lit up and made music at the corner of Jeanne-Mance and Ste-Catherine Sts.

1990s

Award-winning journalist **Jennifer Moroz '90** will be the new executive producer of CBC Radio's "q". "A seasoned, respected leader, Moroz brings a wide range of innovative, industry-leading experience to q, including serving as producer of *The Hour with George Stroumboulopoulos* and executive producer of *The Current*. She recently completed a prestigious William Southam Journalism Fellowship at The University of Toronto's Massey College."

Carolyn Taylor '90 is co-creator and co-star of CBC's BARONESS VON SKETCH SHOW, "an all-female, single-camera sketch comedy series that takes a fresh look at the world's narcissistic contemporary culture. Fast-paced and irreverent, the series celebrates the absurd, mines the embarrassing and satirizes daily lives.

Ilana Weitzman '92, has been promoted to content director, Air Canada Media and editorial director, Air Canada enRoute.

Alison Fischer '94, captain of the Canadian Women's Masters Ultimate Team, was featured in *The Gazette* this past spring. "Alison and other veteran players started the first women's ultimate frisbee team in Montreal in 2013 (women ages 30 and up)."

National Ovarian Cancer spokesperson **Joanne Photiades '94** married Dennis Villopoulos on September 5, 2015. Congratulations to the new parents on the birth of their twin boys Nicolas and Lucas on August 10, 2016.

Alexandra Bubalow '95 visited Traf in July 2016 for the first time since graduation. After living in Paris, Alexandra and her husband moved to Shanghai where they live with their 2-year old son. While in Montreal, she reconnected with Traf classmates and all enjoyed seeing their children play together.

Karen Tam '95 was a finalist for the "Prix en art actuel" of the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec.

Laura Davis '96 recognized Principal Dowd in May while they were both dining in the same restaurant. Just that afternoon, Laura had completed her written licensing exams in vascular surgery following her five-year post-grad residency at the MUHC. She will conclude with her licensing orals this summer in Ottawa. Laura completed her medical degree at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin.

Adrienne Hindle '98 and husband Mo Abdulai welcomed son Caelen on January 29, 2016 weighing 7lbs. 11oz.

Tegan Webster '98 was the Keynote speaker at the Power of Movement, Canada's largest yoga fundraiser, held in Traf's gym in March. Funds raised from this event were directed to "life-changing research benefiting more than 4.6 million Canadians who live with arthritis and autoimmune conditions."

2000s

Old Girls Offer CEGEP advice to Sec. V Students

Chelsea Rothman '08, Alexa Ray Falcone '09, Sasha Adler '11, Lara Antebi '12, and **Camille Cockerton '13** shared post-secondary experiences with Sec. V students embarking on their CEGEP studies. Their advice: "Read the textbook! Aim to have your assignments finished a week early. Choose elective courses that you're interested in, not the ones your friends say are easy. Don't be afraid to change programs if you're not really enjoying the one you're in. Get involved in clubs, internships and other volunteer opportunities. Make sure your teachers know who you are." Great advice from those who know!

Anna Neilson '01 is living in England and working as a freelance Senior Producer in London creative agencies. "I've just completed some global work for Hilton Hotels that has taken me to New York, Thailand and Tokyo over six mad weeks of shooting with the director from the film "Drive". It was an experience!"

Kristina Andersen '03 married Ian Turner on February 6, 2016. It was a Traf family affair! In attendance were: grandmother Rhona Wurtele '40 and aunt Rhoda Eaves '40, aunt Patricia Glassford Eaves '72, Maid of Honour Katherine Eaves '99, (son Benjamin was ring bearer), Bridesmaid Caroline Eaves '01 (daughter Isabella was a flower girl), Carolyne Thibault '99, Kate Holland '99, Olesya Gapakov '99, Tiffany Blair '03, Emily Churchill-Smith '03, Carly Berlin '03, and Jessica McDonough '03.

Maica Mia Armata (Mia Machnik '03) composed the music and acted in "Dark Night", an American feature length film by director, Tim Sutton. The world premier was at the Sundance Festival in Utah. The film continued the circuit at festivals such as Cannes and the Venice Film Festival. Maica is recording a debut album for her new solo project, *Caro Diaro*, while scoring a new movie called "Bienvenue à L'Oblique."

Mindy Amar '06 graduated from Civil Law in 2011 from the University of Ottawa and then obtained a Masters degree in Law at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City in 2012. Married in 2013, Mindy and her husband have two beautiful children, Eliana and Noah.

Laura Mancini '06 writes, "After completing my DMD degree at McGill in 2013, I went on to pursue graduate studies in Orthodontics at the University of the Pacific in San Francisco from 2013-2015. I graduated with a Masters of Science in Dentistry and Certificate in Orthodontics. I am currently in New York City completing a Craniofacial Orthodontic Fellowship at the Hansjörg Wyss Department of Plastic Surgery NYU Langone Medical Center. Our focus is on patients (newborn infants to adults) with cleft lip, palate and other craniofacial anomalies. My plan is to return to Montreal when I complete my fellowship at the end of September!"

Katie Armstrong '07 is living in Cincinnati, Ohio and working as Regional Property Manager for Phillips Edison & Company. She and sister **Jordan Armstrong '10** are looking forward to returning to Montreal for a visit soon.

Bethany Douglas '07 graduated from McGill in 2016 with a Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning, with a specialization in Secondary Social Studies. The shawl that Bethany is wearing over her ribbon dress is presented to all Indigenous graduates by the First People's House at McGill. Bethany is now working as a Post-Secondary Transition/ Distance Counselor at the Kahnawake Education Center.

Ali Kellner '07 writes, "I'm glad that Traf is so interested in keeping up to date with its grads! It's a very nice feeling. After three years in Concordia's animation program, I switched to Sheridan College's 3-year Bachelor of Animation program (the top-ranked animation school in North America). I'm currently interning at an animation studio in Los Angeles this summer and I will graduate in 2017! And it's Ms. Litvack, Mr. Scruton and Ms. Den Hertog who are the reason I am in animation in the first place! Mr. Scruton presented me with the computer science award! It would be so nice to see them again."

Kimberley Fortin '08 writes, "I have been offered another extension on my current contract in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and will be continuing my consultancy with the University of Central Asia in Communications/Marketing until just after the opening of the new University in October 2016."

Jeanne Vachon '08 and Meagan Wheeler '08 were both involved with the Beautiful City Theatre's production of "Punk Rock", at the Centaur Theatre in May 2016. Jeanne was the Artistic Consultant and Prop Designer and Meagan was the Publicity Representative for the production.

Rebecca Haboucha '09 completed her Masters in Heritage Studies at Cambridge University in 2015 and is working at the Museum of London. Rebecca took time to tour Traf's England exchange students around the museum during March Break.

Cyrielle (Sally) Noel '09 was awarded a full Erasmus Mundus Scholarship to complete a joint-Masters degree "Planet Europe." Sally will graduate with a Masters of Science. Her first semester was at Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, and her second semester was at Cardiff University in Wales, UK. She will have internships in the EU and write her thesis in year two. Writes Sally, "I've wanted to be an urban planner since I was 17!"

Violaine Pemberton-Renaud '09 and Nazrul Shikon were married August 2015. The happy couple reside in Newfoundland.

After studying Literature at Dawson, **Jessica Schouela '09** completed a BA in Art History at McGill with a minor in World Cinemas. She obtained her MA in History of Art from University College London. Jessica is now completing her PhD at the University of York in the UK. Jessica sent a note of thanks to her Art teachers Karen den Hertog and Lori Litvack, "Thank you so much for being such important and inspiring teachers for me at such a precious and telling time in my life."

2010s

Jordan Armstrong '10 graduated Framingham State University in Massachusetts with a Bachelor's degree in History and is living in Oceanside, California.

Jenna Omassi '10 writes from the University of British Columbia. "I still have one class to go in my undergrad but have already started a full-time job with UBC, as an Advisor to the Strategic Support Team for the VP Students working on student-facing projects and initiatives. I am also the President of the WUSC Club, which supports the Student Refugee Program at UBC, the biggest at any post-secondary institution in Canada. We recently doubled the program and will be bringing eight new students a year from around the world. I will be applying for grad schools in Security and Conflict Studies and will be finishing my BA in International Relations and Religious Studies at UBC next May."

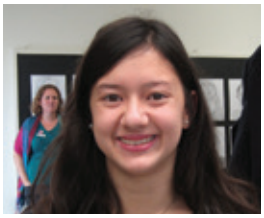
Alex Debruyn '10 writes, "I'm currently doing a year-long program at UC Berkeley focusing on marketing. I'm planning on doing a marketing internship in LA, and after that, working in the US.

Alessia Field '11 writes that she reconnected on Canadian soil with friends she met at World School 2010 in Seoul, Korea. Two delegates spent the Christmas holidays with Alessia seeing the sites. Of course, no trip to Canada is complete without a trip to Niagara Falls! For more on World School (Trafalgar is Canada's sole representative), visit trafalgar.qc.ca.

Laura Leclerc '12 writes, "Since finishing my third year at Carleton University in May, I have received a co-op job offer at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, working with the Communications and Federal Identity Program department at the policy centre. I am currently halfway through the four-month placement and am absolutely loving working for the government! I am learning a ton, taking part in incredible opportunities and working with a great team. I am eager to begin my fourth year at Carleton in September while residing in my new apartment in Ottawa!"

Katherine Martineau '12 enters her final year of law school at the University of Ottawa this fall. She writes, "I have plans to do a degree in Common Law after I graduate. Once I write the bar, my plan is to specialize in criminal defence, which has always been my passion. This summer, I worked for Brophy Solicitors in Dublin, Ireland. They have given me the opportunity to do legal research for real cases, meet with clients, and attend court. The little Grade 7 Traf girl who dreamed of being a lawyer is actually becoming a reality."

Melanie Negreanu '12 writes, "I just finished my second year at John Molson School of Business where I am studying accounting. I am currently an intern at Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton and it has been an absolutely amazing experience! When I graduate in a year, I will be starting there full time as a junior auditor and I can't wait! In other news, I recently celebrated my 21st birthday and the wonderful **Megan Stewart-Waywell '12** flew in from Vancouver (where she is studying at UBC) for my birthday dinner! It was a great surprise pulled off by Megan and **Lori Dalkin '12**.



Michelle Takamori '13 writes, "I am currently doing a BA at McGill University, as well as pursuing a professional career in illustration and design. This past April, I was part of the "Pancakes and Booze Art Show" in Toronto where I showcased some of my works. Since then, I have been working on commissions, as well as keeping up with my love of languages!"

Christina Wagner '14 graduated from Marianopolis College's Health Science program with certificates in Environmental Studies and Native Studies. She is spending the summer touring Sweden and Germany as well as working on a dairy farm and as a swimming instructor at a local pool. She looks forward to starting at McGill University this September in the BSc Nursing program.

2015s

Katelyn Downey '15 completed one year at John Abbott College in Honours Science. She writes, "Traf prepared me extremely well! Next year I'll be studying Environmental Science at Queen's University in Kingston." Katelyn is one of this year's Scholars and Explorers - Woman to Watch. Read more on page 20.

Zoë Colsenet '18, whose family moved back to Switzerland, sent us a photo to share with her friends in Montreal. Writes Zoë, "Representing Traf in the French Alps!"

Fond Farewells

Afrodite Batsakis joined Trafalgar's Business Office in 2001. During her fifteen years at Traf, Afrodite's smile was ever-present as she greeted students and parents in the Business Office. It was Afrodite who parents contacted when they made arrangements for their daughter to take the West Island Bus; it was Afrodite who managed textbook distribution for a time, and it was Afrodite who made certain the faculty never went without classroom stationery supplies. Afrodite retired in early 2016 and we wish her much happiness and good health as she enjoys her time with her family in Montreal, Florida and Greece.

Karen Hrycyna joined Trafalgar in 1980, and has taught geography and mathematics, as well as coordinated the yearbook's advertising for many years.
Mrs. Hrycyna has consistently dedicated herself generously to her students' success, both in class and outside class in countless tutorial sessions. Exacting and methodical, she has ensured her students focus and follow through in their studies. Girls who may previously have had little confidence in their capacity to succeed often found in Mrs. Hrycyna a patient and dedicated mentor. Trafalgar will miss her kindness and steady presence, but we wish Karen and her husband Walter all the best as they move on to new adventures.

David Pelletier
We bid adieu to M. David Pelletier after seven years as Trafalgar's renaissance man. Initially working only in our Département de français, David also directed memorable senior plays, coached Glee, taught science, and acted as our interim Director of Studies. David is also a musician, a lightning quick translator, and a published wine expert – ie Sommelier Fou. David will next year continue his formal study in the area of wines and spirits. Nous le remercions pour son dévouement et sa polyvalence au cours des années, tant au service de notre école que de ses élèves. Bonne chance et au revoir.

Staff News

Music teacher **Kirsten Offer** and husband Tyson welcomed their daughter Ava Jen-Mei Schallmann, on January 9, 2016, weighing 7lbs. 1oz.

Spanish teacher **Yuly Gonzalez** and husband Alexander Bayona welcomed their daughter Isabelle on June 25, 2016.

In Memoriam

Alumnae

Dorothy "Faith" Lyman Feindel '37
June 16, 2016. Mother of Anna Feindel '76. Sister of the late Monica Lyman Bell '31. Cousin of the late Jean Scrimger Wooton '36, Charlotte Scrimger Corbett-Thompson '42, and the late Elizabeth Scrimger Fraser '46.

Anne "Bunty" Thom Loucks '37
July 11, 2016.

Elizabeth "Libby" Kendall '38, June 10, 2012. Sister of Joyce Kendall Simpson '41.

Alice "Joan" Redpath Miner Markham '38, April 24, 2016. Mother of Anne Miner '76 and Janet Miner Savard '73. Aunt of Sally Nicholls Wanless '63, Nonnie Nicholls Curwood '65 and Maria Lubecki '65. Great-aunt of Anne-Marie Ashcroft '90. Sister-in-law of the late Nora Miner Nicholls '30, and the late Betty Miner Lubecki '30.

Ruth Parson Mathewson '39
February 8, 2016.

Barbara Ann Smith Pennie '41
February 28, 2016.

Harriet Anderson Campbell '43
November 13, 2015.

Verniez Stella Hood Richardson '43
April 7, 2015.

Cynthia "Marigold" Charlesworth '43
September 12, 2015.

Carol Soden Stewart '44,
January 17 2016.

Marie "Betty" Quinlan Scott '50
October 11, 2015.

Virginia "Ginny" McAvity Heward '56
January 20, 2016. Great-aunt of Kelly Heward '96.

Diane Kromp Kovats '57
January 17, 2016.

Anne Andrews Sidney '60
June 18, 2010.

Anne Lesley Kathleen Chisholm Varey '61, August 4, 2016.

Jean Rankin '61
August 29, 2015.

Former Staff

Phyllis Tolmie, March 2, 2016. Assistant to the Business Manager 1974-1985.

Vivienne Forbes, November 6, 2015. Chemistry teacher 1976-1986.

Ruth Clark Stalker, August 18, 2016
Teacher 1948-1949

Message from the Chair of the Trafalgar Ross Foundation

Susan M. Stevenson

Philanthropic gestures come in all shapes and sizes and what amazes me is the myriad of ways in which the Trafalgar School community makes contributions to this vibrant school. Donating dictionaries for a sister school in Tanzania, clothing and food for community collections, new books for the library, an annual cheque for Traf's Greatest Need, a sponsorship to the gala, or a gift to the new Geoffrey Dowd Bursary - these are examples of the generosity of our Traf family. The impact of these philanthropic gestures can be seen ultimately in our students and alumnae who go on to make our world a better place.

The Trafalgar Ross Foundation continues to ensure the safe-keeping of the school's funds and promote fundraising to keep this cycle of giving in motion and to continue to share our Traf alumnae with the world.

On behalf of the Foundation, thank you for your philanthropic gifts this past year and for your continued support.

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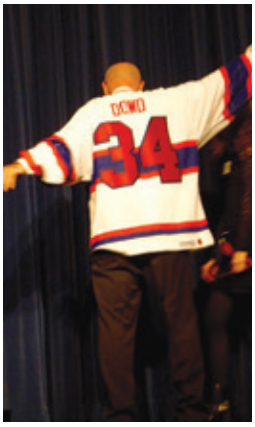
Magic & Mystery Gala

"The Case of the Disappearing Principal" was solved on the evening of May 5, 2016 at Trafalgar School for Girls. Principal Geoff Dowd was found among 300 gala guests at an event that raised over $45,000 for student bursaries and a school wish-list item. Mr. Dowd was very flattered by the many kind wishes he received in advance of his retirement. In his words, "Disappearing more quietly seemed not to be an option."

Gala guests enjoyed great food courtesy of our generous food purveyors, fine musical entertainment from Mad Mapü (featuring Lara Antebi '12) and bagpiper Brian Mackenzie, and amazing magic tricks and illusions from both The Amazing Todsky and headliners, Ted and Marion Outerbridge. A broad cross-section of alumnae, current students, current and past Traf parents, staff, family, and friends ate, drank, talked, and helped create a mysteriously magical event for the school Guests posed with Sherlock Holmes in the photo booth (a 3-D cut-out of Mr. Dowd).

Head Prefects Katie Rochford '11, Olivia Gutherz '12, Elizabeth Pecoraro '13, Isabella Martucci '14, and Annabel Gutherz '16 acted as emcees throughout the night, offering personal tributes to their principal. Trafalgar Ross Foundation Chair Susan Stevenson announced the launch of The Geoffrey Dowd Bursary (see more on page 6). Winners of the evening's big prizes were: Traf aunt Amanda Battat, past parent Emmett Francoeur, current student Serenity Lopez, current parent Jérôme Massé, a surprised Foundation Chair Susan Stevenson, and a very surprised Principal Geoff Dowd (not fixed!). Parent Louis Bernard Lépine went home with the Silent Auction prize - an Antoine Bittar oil painting of the Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul.

Mr. Dowd did not disappear, in fact or illusion, but the "Mystery and Magic" gala was a success that honoured him and supported the education of young women at Trafalgar School for Girls. Thanks to all for your support and participation!



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September 29	Girls for the Cure Walk 12 pm and Mother & Daughter BBQ 2:30 pm
October 1	Admissions Open House, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
October 5, 19, 26	Admission Evaluation Days
October 21-22	Trafalgar Day & Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. See Page 7 for details and to RSVP.
October 21	Coffee – 9:00 am Trafalgar Ross Lecture – 10:00 am (Canada Reads author Kim Thúy)
October 22	Homecoming Events: House Carnival, Traf "Then and Now" self-guided tours, Reunion Cocktail and Dinner
November 1	The 2016-2017 Annual Giving Appeal Launch
November 17	Father and Daughter Breakfast - Guest Speaker Dr. Joe Schwarcz
November 22	Paragraphe Book Fair
December 1	Junior Play
December 9	Traf Tea at Place Kensington – Westmount Chapter Reunion 2:30 pm
December 15	Annual Holiday Concert at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
January 31	Honk and Squeak Concert
February 10	House Play Competition
March 1	Nomination Deadline – Distinguished Alumna 2017 and Scholars & Explorers 2017
April 7	Career Day
May 11 & 12	Senior Play and Used Book Sale for Atwater Library's Digital Literacy Project
May 15-18	Arts Fest
May 18	Spring Concert
May	TOGA Ontario Reunions
June 1	Class of 2017 - Welcome to TOGA
June 21	Graduation and Closing Ceremonies

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